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Sri L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" Since the Government are collecting rent from the tenants on behalf of the zamindars, will the Government take up the repair of the tanks and estate roads? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Let us wait for the vacation of the stay order."

Sri G. LATCHANNA :—" Will the Government take any action regarding collection of rents in the estates which are under stay, thus preventing the zamindars from adopting coercive methods in collection? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Has the stay order also stayed the repairs to the tanks? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We have no sway over these estates because there is the stay order functioning."

Alleged shadowing of M.L.As. by the C.I.D. staff when on tour.

* 150 Q.—Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the C.I.Ds. are asked to follow the M.L.As. when they tour in their constituencies?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The C.I.D. have *not* been asked to follow M.L.As. when they tour in their constituencies."

Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, నేను ఈ మధ్యన మా నియోజకవర్గములో ప్రతి ఊరు తిరిగివచ్చాను. నేను వెళ్లేటప్పుడు నా వెంట ఎవరు ఉండరుగాని, నేను ఒక వూరు చేరిన 1, 2 గంటలలో ఒక C.I.D. హాజరు అవుతాడు అక్కడ నేను ఎవరితో మాట్లాడినది, ఏమి మాట్లాడినది, ఏమి భోంచేసింది అన్నీ తెలుసుకొంటూయుంటారు. ఈ విధంగా C.I.D. లు రిపోర్టులు ఇవ్వవలెనని ప్రభుత్వమునుండి ఉత్తర్వులు పోయినవా అయితే వాటిని ఆపివేస్తారా ఇప్పుడైనా ? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I understand, Mr. Gopalakrishnaiah will correct me if I am wrong, that what he has been saying is his own personal experience. Is that correct? "

Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Yes."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the question was whether the Government have asked the C.I.D. to follow the Members of the Legislative Assembly when they tour in their constituencies. What the Government will do with regard to particular individuals depends on each individual." (Laughter.)

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Are there certain Members of the Legislative Assembly whom the police are asked to shadow? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The matter is not connected with the Assembly. It is only connected with individuals throughout the State and, therefore, it is a different matter which we cannot discuss in a vague manner on the floor of this House."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" My specific question was whether there are certain Members of this House who are being shadowed by the police under the direction of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" They may happen to be Members of this House or they may not happen to be Members of this House. That has no connexion with the circular about shadowing."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What are the particular qualifications of particular individuals to secure the attention of these people, please? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Their previous history of underground work." (Laughter.)

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" My question did not at all imply that there was any connexion between the membership of the Assembly and the shadowing. My question was whether there are any members of this House who are being shadowed under the direction of the Government for whatever reasons it may be."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already answered that the previous history of the individual decides what should be done in this matter in the Intelligence Department. Whether they happen to be in the House or not is not a matter which can be elicited by a question to the Government. The following is discreet, courteous, private and secret. How can I discuss it? "

9-20 a.m. SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" కొంతమంది M.L.A. ల మీటింగులకు C.I.D. లు వచ్చి వారు మాట్లాడే ప్రతి విషయాన్ని కూడ వ్రాసుకుంటున్నారు అని ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలుసునా? ఆ విధంగా ఎంతమంది M.L.A. ల పైన నిఘా ఉంచారని ఇప్పుడైనా నేరుగా ప్రభుత్వము జవాబు చెప్పగలరా? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I submit that the Government are bound to do so and the Legislature would be disappointed if the Government do not take note of what is going on in the country and we have therefore to take notes of various speeches including those of Ministers."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, are the Government also sending these Shorthand Inspectors of the C.I.D. to take down the speeches of the Ministers? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, where other people perform this function, the Government do not waste money."